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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael Whittaker

Title: METHODS AND
COMPOSITIONS FOR
MEASURING
BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE
NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES
AND FOR IMPROVING
THEIR THERAPEUTIC
POTENTIAL

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Appl. No.: 10/645,874

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Examiner: Lum, Leon Yun Bon

Art Unit: 1641

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S.

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Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

- ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on ____.
- ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on ____ but not considered.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on ____.
- ☐ Other ____.

b. Enclosed are:

- ☒ Amendment/Reply (15 pages) with two attachments.
- ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration of Ian Reilly Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 (5 pages) with one attachment.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☒ Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of 7 (A3-A9) listed reference(s).
- ☒ Credit Card Payment Form.
- ☒ Return Postcard .

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$790.00	= \$790.00
Total Claims:	9	- 42	= 0	x \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independents	3	- 8	= 0	x \$200.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$790.00

☒ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	1	\$120.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00		\$0.00
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EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			\$120.00
EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:	-		\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			\$120.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$910.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:			\$910.00

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$910.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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